

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 were pending. Claims 1-9 were rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended. In addition, new claims 10-14 have been added. The newly added claims 10-14 include limitations similar to those recited in claims 1-5. Thus, claims 1-14 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In view of the foregoing amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,608,836 of Jim Mao, et al. ("Mao"). Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,959,996 of Charles Byers ("Byers"), in view of Mao. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Byers in view of Mao and U.S. Patent No. 6,687,247 by Bruce Wilford et al. ("Wilford"). Applicant reserves the right to swear behind Wilford.

Applicant hereby submits a declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 to swear behind Mao, which has a common inventor of the present application and has been assigned to a common assignee of the present application. As a result, the above rejections have been overcome.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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